

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

**MID-PACIFIC REGION**

**SOUTH-CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AREA OFFICE  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA**

**Draft**

**FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**Restroom Replacement and Trail Construction  
- San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area**

**Central Valley Project  
Sacramento, California**

**FONSI-07-45**

Recommended by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judi Tapia  
Natural Resource Specialist  
South Central California Area Office

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Concurred by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie Curley  
Acting Resource Management Division Chief  
South Central California Area Office

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Will Shipp  
Deputy Area Manager  
South Central California Area Office

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Draft FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**  
**Restroom Replacement and Trail Construction**  
**- San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area**

In accordance with section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the South-Central California Area Office of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), has determined that the approval of the restroom retrofit and trail construction project is not a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment and an environmental impact statement is not required. This Finding of No Significant Impact is supported by Reclamation's Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) Number EA-07-45, Restroom Replacement and Trail Construction - San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, and is hereby incorporated by reference.

**BACKGROUND**

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to approve the retrofit of restroom facilities and the construction of a 1.5 mile connector trail at San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area (SRA). The restroom retrofits at the Basalt campground and the San Luis Creek Day Use Area are needed to replace outdated facilities with American Disability Act (ADA) compliant facilities. The trail will also be ADA compliant and connect existing trails around O'Neil Forebay. Recreation at the SRA is managed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) who are proposing to construct the facilities.

**FINDINGS**

**Water Resources:**

The restroom facilities in the Proposed Action involve utilization of existing water supplies and use of these facilities does not result in additional diversions of water. Overall water supplies would not increase or decrease. Water quality and quantities would not change. Therefore, the Proposed Action would cause no significant impacts to water resources.

**Biological Resources:** Construction of the proposed facilities would result in short-term, negligible to minor, direct and indirect impacts to wildlife species from noise and human activity related construction activities. The Proposed Action would cause increased traffic between construction sites but shorten the duration of construction by a half or more. This would result in a short-term impact to any wildlife species on or along the roadway. Implementation of environmental commitments specified in the project description would result in insignificant impacts to sensitive wildlife species.

**Cultural Resources:** The construction of the proposed facilities in the Proposed Action would not harm any cultural resources. There were no previously recorded cultural resources within the proposed ADA projects at San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area (SRA) area of potential effect and no new resources were identified during the surveys.

**Recreation:** Implementation of the Proposed Action would eliminate the need to complete each of these projects separately at a later date and therefore will 1) reduce the length of time construction crews are in the park, 2) allow work to occur in one off-peak season, and 3) reduce inconveniences to park visitors. This will allow CDPR to upgrade its facilities to appropriate ADA compliance with the minimum impact to visitors and, after completion, allow all park visitors a quality recreational experience, a beneficial impact. Construction of the three projects is estimated to take 180 days.

This would result in negligible negative impacts on recreation over the long term and slight positive impacts.

**Indian Trust Assets:** There are no tribes possessing legal property interests held in trust by the United States in the action area for the Proposed Action. The nearest Indian trust assets to this action are located at the about 27 miles away. This action would have no adverse effect on Indian trust assets.

**Socioeconomic Resources:** Since the potential increase in recreational use of the SRA due to increased accessibility of the proposed facilities is within the normal variation of the baseline and would be limited by current peak use patterns, any additional use by persons with disabilities may have a minor positive impact on the gate receipts for the SRA and a minor positive impact on tourism.

**Environmental Justice:** The Proposed Action would not cause dislocation, changes in employment, or increase flood, drought, or disease. The Proposed Action would not disproportionately impact economically disadvantaged or minority populations. There would be no changes to existing conditions. Employment opportunities for low-income wage earners and minority population groups would be within historical conditions. Disadvantaged populations would not be subject to disproportionate impacts.

**Cumulative Impacts:** The Proposed Action, when added to other past, present, and future actions does not result in additional diversions of water, or significantly impact biological, cultural, recreation or socioeconomic resources. Neither Indian Trust Assets nor disadvantaged or minority populations would be impacted. Water quality would not be degraded as a result of construction activities. Overall there would be no cumulative impacts due to this Proposed Action.